MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Sir, may I know whether the investigation of raw materials for cement and other mineral resources is still in progress or completed?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It is still in progress.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Then, may I know whether there is any provision in the next year's budget for carrying on futher investigation in the matter?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir, there is provision under "Prospecting Contingencies."

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether there is any separate provision in the current year's budget for the purpose?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether any further steps have been taken in continuation of the report submitted by this man?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Final orders on this report have not been passed.

PRESIDENT: When was the report submitted?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Sir, about two weeks back.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know at least the major recommendations contained in the report?

PRESIDENT: For many reasons, during the continuation of the war, it is not expedient to disclose some of the recommendations because steps which may be intended to be taken here may be forced on elsewhere. That is the reason why it has not been placed on the table of the House as otherwise it ought to have been done.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, I withdraw the question.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know whether there is any possibility of establishing cement factories in Travancore at a very early date?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, as far as I know, there is.

Fish from the lakes in Travancore.

213. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of fish obtained annually from the lakes in Travancore?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Exact statistics of the fish obtained annually from the lakes in Travancore are not available. The quantity has been estimated at 50,000 Cwts. by the Superintendent of Fisheries.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Sir, may I know whether there is a rise or fall in the quantity of fish obtained in this year?

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MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : There is a slight fall.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether any steps are taken by the Department to grow fish on a scientific basis?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : The fishing section has been transferred to the University and there investigation on the matter will be conducted.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether any portion of the backwaters is set apart for growing fish on a scientific basis?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR ; No, Sir.

Manufacture of cement in Travancore.

214 *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to start the manufacture of cement in Travancore under the responsibility of Government?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : The necessary investigations are being made.

Edathua Thalavady River.

215 *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Sheriala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Edathua Thalavady river is navigable during hot season;

(*b*) if not, whether the Government used to dredge it annually to make it navigable;

(*c*) whether any work was done this year; and

(*d*) if not, why was it not done?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is being annually deepened by manual labour.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) This year it was proposed to dredge with the aid of the Dredger 'Sethu Parvathi' as deepening by manual labour was not sufficiently effective. But the dredger was under repairs for some time and now the river is flooded. Dredging will be done when the flood subsides.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : Sir, may I know whether the Chief Engineer by his answer 'yes' to part (a) of my question means that the river is navigable all through the year?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : No, Sir. Not on all seasons of the year.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : Then, may I know by answering 'yes' to my question whether he means that the Edathuva—Thalavadi river is navigable during hot season?

MR M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : Sir, during the hot season, small valloms go over to the jetty. I mean that the big motor and steam boats cannot go then.

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